

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Locomotive Firers \(53-4012\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Rail Yard Engineers, Dinkey Operators, and Hostlers \(53-4013\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 83

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Transportation	4.6	16.6	12.9	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Public Safety and Security	6.9	12.4	11.8	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Telecommunications	3.9	8.6	4.7	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation and Control	5.4	12.3	12.0	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation Monitoring	6.6	12.0	12.7	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	9.6	7.7	< A higher skill level may be required
Troubleshooting	4.5	8.0	7.9	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Repairing	3.4	6.9	6.0	< A higher skill level may be required
Equipment Selection	3.3	5.7	4.1	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Far Vision	7.8	12.3	13.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Control Precision	6.6	12.2	11.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Reaction Time	4.8	11.6	13.0	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Response Orientation	4.0	11.4	11.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	11.1	9.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Auditory Attention	5.9	11.0	9.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Rate Control	3.8	10.3	10.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Spatial Orientation	2.7	9.2	5.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Equilibrium	3.2	8.0	6.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Peripheral Vision	2.2	6.5	6.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Sound Localization	2.2	6.1	5.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Inspect railroad equipment	89
Monitor railroad vehicle or equipment operation	89
Operate locomotives, dinkey engines, or other rail vehicles	92
Perform safety inspections in transportation setting	62
Transport passengers or cargo	64
Understand railroad signals	89
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use two-way radio or mobile phone	42

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies

Exclusivity

Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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